BIRDING NOTES Compiled by Aasheesh Pittie

This column publishes notes in brief telegraphic form, from **Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan & Tamil Nadu** on interesting and significant sightings and behaviour like breeding, feeding, migration, nesting, etc. Notes on threatened birds are also welcome. Their status '*' follows BirdLife International (2001) *Threatened Birds of Asia*. English names, sequence and scientific nomenclature follow Manakadan & Pittie (2002): Standardised English and scientific names of the birds of the Indian Subcontinent. *Newsletter for Birdwatchers* 42(3): i-viii, 1-36. Unless specified, all observations are for 2002. Abbreviations, Contributors, Notes, Regional Referees, *etc.*, are at the end. For selection of breeding criteria 'Probable, Possible, Confirmed', see *Pitta* # 82, February 1998, p. 4.

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HYDERABAD DISTRICT

Hyderabad city (Pranay Rao)
20.xii.2002: GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE Bought from bird market & released at Ravirala (Rangareddi District); GREEN MUNIA M, bought from bird market & sent to Adilabad District for release. They were attempting to make N.

KURNOOL DISTRICT

Bailpadu (Bhargavi Srinivasulu & C. Srinivasulu)
10.iii: LESSER FLORICAN 1F; SHORT-EARED OWL 2.
Cherukucherla village (Bhargavi Srinivasulu & C. Srinivasulu)
11.i: BAR-HEADED GOOSE 110.
Parumanchala Cheruvu
11.i (Bhargavi Srinivasulu & C. Srinivasulu): BAR-HEADED GOOSE 500+; DEMOISELLE CRANE 4,000+.
4.iii (K. Thulsi Rao & M. Maqsood Javed): BAR-HEADED GOOSE 600; DEMOISELLE CRANE 800.
12.iii (K. Thulsi Rao & M. Maqsood Javed): PAINTED STORK NT* 100+.
Talamudipi Tank (Bhargavi Srinivasulu & C. Srinivasulu)
11.i: BLACK STORK.
Tikkasubbaiah Bavi (Bhargavi Srinivasulu & C. Srinivasulu)
11.i: GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK 1,000+.
8.iii: COMMON KESTREL 1 M carrying a dead Common Babbler.
Vipnagandla (Bhargavi Srinivasulu & C. Srinivasulu)
12.i: GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD 2M.
9.iii: GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD 2M, 1F.
10.iii: GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD 2M.

RANGAREDDI DISTRICT

Ameenapur Tank (S. Ashok Kumar)
10.i: SPOT-BILLED DUCK 230; NORTHERN PINTAIL 800+; RED-CRESTED POCHARD 98; COMMON POCHARD 360; TUFTED POCHARD 28.
Anantgiri (Kiran Katikaneni, Zubin Sagar, Nikhil Narayanaswamy)
6.iv: CRESTED HAWK-EAGLE PRB, in N, probably brooding or shielding an eaglet from the sun. Couldn't be ascertained even after a 2-hour observation.
Eerlakunta (Madinaguda village) (S. Ashok Kumar)
28.i: LITTLE GREBE POB, 23 with 10 yng.
Gangavaram Cheruvu (S. Ashok Kumar)
20.i: RED-CRESTED POCHARD 250+; COMMON COOT 1500+, POB, imm., present.
Nalla Cheruvu (S. Ashok Kumar)
19.i: NORTHERN SHOVELLER 2000+.
Ravirala (Hyder Jaffer & Pranay Rao)
16.xii.2002: PAINTED STORK NT* 52.
25.xii.2002: EURASIAN SPOONBILL 10; MALLARD 5.

VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

Tyda (Bhargavi Srinivasulu & C. Srinivasulu)
14-16.iii: CRESTED GOSHAWK M.

MAHARASHTRA

CHANDRAPUR DISTRICT

Tadoba Tiger Reserve (S. Ashok Kumar)
8.ii: EUROPEAN WHITE STORK; GREATER GREY-HEADED FISH-EAGLE NT

ABBREVIATIONS: Ab-abundant; ad-adult/s; br-breeding; C-common/ly; *c.*-approximately; CB-confirmed breeding; CD*-conservation dependent; const-construction/ing; CR*-critical; DD*-data deficient; disp-display/ing; EN*-endangered; F-female; flt-flight; fly-family; freq-frequent/ly; hrd-heard; id-identify/ied; imm-immature; inc-include/ing; Is-Island; juv-juvenile; LM-local migrant; M-male; mat-material; N-nest/ing/s; NT*-near threatened; OH-overhead; POB-possible breeding; PRB-probable breeding; plm-plumage; RF-Reserve Forest; Resp-respectively; Tlk-Taluk; vil-village; VU*-vulnerable; WL-wildlife; yng-young.
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PIGEON POST

The latest issue of Pitta lists *Phylloscopus inornatus humie* as one of the birds in the BSAP camp list. *Phylloscopus humie* has now been designated with full species status.

Best Wishes, Nitin Jamdar

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